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with the emergency clause attached? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1632.) The vote is 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1045E passes with the emergency clause attached. Mr. Clerk, LB 1083. The first vote will be to suspend the at-large...Mr. Clerk, is there a motion?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Schimek and Beutler would move...no, I'm sorry. Senator Jensen would move to recomrit LB 1083 to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on your motion.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This is just to make a couple statements to make clear primarily the funding of LB 1083. This is...I want to make a couple statements for the record. I would just like to make a brief clarification for the record about county funding for behavioral health services. Kathy Kelley from Douglas County, I also visited with Larry Dix with the counties to review this, and I think we had made it clear but, just for the record, I've said repeatedly that the intent of LB 1083 is not to put additional ongoing General Fund obligations on the state and not to put additional funding obligations on the counties. I just want to repeat once again that, for the record, that subsection (3) of Section 8 of LB 1083 is intended to preserve the status quo as it relates to county funding. Current law in Section 71-5004 and 71-5009 requires a county to contribute financial support both for the operation of the regional behavioral health authority and for the behavioral health systems within the region. The total amount of funding provided collectively by all counties in a region must be equal to \$1 for every \$3 provided from the General Fund from the state. The portion of that total amount to be provided by each individual county is determined collectively by all counties in the region. LB 1083 maintains the status quo in this regard. Currently,